FAX:219 522 0272

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box -PTO/SB/B1 (10-00) Approved for use through 10/31/2002, OMB 0861-0035 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it display a valid OMB control number. **Application Number** Filing Date POWER OF ATTORNEY OR First Named Inventor AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT **Group Art Unit Examiner Name** Attorney Docket Number I hereby appoint: Place Customer Practitioners at Customer Number Number Bar Code Label here Practitioner(s) named below: Name Registration Number as my/our attorney(s) or agent(s) to prosecute the application identified above, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Please change the correspondence address for the above-identified application to: The above-mentioned Customer Number. Firm or Individual Name Address Address City State Zip Country Telephone Fax I am the: X Applicant/Inventor. Assignee of record of the entire Interest. See 37 CFR 3,71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96). SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record Johanna G.H. van Haaster Name Signature Date NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below. Total of. forms are submitted.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 3 minutes to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

## VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS

(37 C.F.R. 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled: <u>Dahlia plant named Montana</u>. described in

[X] the specification filed herewith.			
[ ] application serial no.: ,	filed:		
[ ] patent no.	, issued_		
I have not assigned, granted convey grant, convey or license, any rights in inventor under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(c) if that a small business concern under 37 C.	n the invention to any at person had made th	person who could not be invention, or to any co	oe classified as an independent oncern which would not qualify as
Each person, concern or organizatio obligation under contract or law to as	n to which I have assi ssign, grant, convey, c	igned, granted, conveye or license any rights in t	ed, or licensed or am under an he invention is listed below:
[X] no such person, concern, or org			
*NOTE: separate verified statement invention averring to their status as			r organization having rights to the
NAME			
ADDRESS			
[]INDIVIDUAL[]SMALL BUSIN	ESS CONCERN[]N	IONPROFIT ORGANIZ	ATION
I acknowledge the duty to file, in this entitlement to small entity status prior any maintenance fee due after the ol.28(b))	or to paying, at the tim	e of paying or after payi	ing, the earliest of the issue fee or
I hereby declare that all statements r information and belief are believed to that willful false statements and the I 1001 of Title 18 of the United States application, any patent issuing there	o be true; and further like so made are punis Code, and that such	that these statements w shable by fine or impriso willful false statements	vere made with the knowledge onment, or both, under section may jeopardize the validity of the
Name of Inventor: <u>Johanna G.H.</u>	van Haaster		
Signature of Inventor:	Mocil	_	